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ARE YOU A RISK TAKER

'Risk' is often defined as the chance that something could lead to loss, harm, or uncertainty. And if we're honest, uncertainty isn't something most of us naturally seek out.

Yet every day, we live with it. We get in the car not knowing what might happen, but we still go. Life always involves some level of risk.

This summer, we had the joy of welcoming three of our missionary families to the Bradford office. Hearing their stories and praying with them was deeply encouraging for the whole team.

These are ordinary people who have made extraordinary choices. They've said yes to God's call, leaving jobs, moving their families across the world, learning new languages, and stepping into unfamiliar cultures.

They have taken a risk, and it's a step of faith that is both challenging and inspiring to me.

But saying yes to God doesn't always mean moving overseas. For many of us, it's about something

closer to home: stepping beyond our comfort zones, trusting Him in the unknown, and being willing to follow where He leads.

As André Gide once wrote, "One does not discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore." That's true not only for global mission, but for our everyday walk with Jesus.

In this edition of **VOICE+HANDS**, you'll meet people who have stepped into the unknown, across cultures, communities, and circumstances, and discovered God at work in remarkable ways. You'll read stories of faith, courage, and lives transformed.

And those stories are only possible because of you - your prayers, your generosity, your partnership.

Thank you for stepping out in faith with us.

Serving together,



Colin Lowther,
CEO, Reach Beyond UK

A TOWER RESTORED, A MISSION RENEWED

In April we asked you to help our partner radio station in Madagascar. Radio Feon Janahary has been faithfully sharing the gospel in remote Maroanetra for nearly a decade. Now, thanks to your generosity, funds are in place to repair their radio tower and begin replacing the roof. Here's a message from Pastor Alfred, who helped start it all:

Dearest supporter of Radio Feon Janahary,

Thanks to God's provision and protection, the faithful prayer warriors, and the great technical support of Reach Beyond experts and technicians, we've been able to broadcast daily for ten years with almost no interruption!

The impact in the region is huge. On a regular basis, people from remote villages find Christ, turn away from dark ancestral worship and enter a journey of discipleship and growth in their newly found life of faith.

As our 10-year anniversary is approaching, we were praying about how we could finance the fixing of our tower, as well as the renovation and improvements of the studio - especially the rebuilding of our leaking roof.

Your generous financial support is an answer to our prayers and a big encouragement! This removes a burden from our shoulders and helps to get the studio and tower in shape for the years to come.

We hope and pray that Radio RFJ will remain a catalyst for the expansion of the Kingdom of God in this spiritually oppressed area.

With deep gratitude,

Pastor Alfred on behalf of the whole RFJ Team



HELP KEEP THE GOSPEL ON AIR IN MADAGASCAR

For ten years, Radio RFJ has been reaching people in remote communities with the hope of Christ. Your gift today can help strengthen the station for the next decade of ministry. Scan the QR code or use the enclosed response form to be part of what God is doing.



The laughter came first... shock, disbelief, then curiosity.

“Do you eat poo?” It’s not a question you expect to hear in a classroom, but as Johnny revealed a set of simple cartoons, the group leaned in. Together, they began mapping out how germs travel - through dirty hands, contaminated water, and poor sanitation – finding their way into people’s bodies.

For many communities in rural Sub-Saharan Africa, this isn’t theory, it’s everyday reality. Basic health, hygiene, and sanitation practices are often unknown. The consequences are devastating - over 500,000 people die each year from diarrhoea, most of them children under five.

Wim and Johnny recently travelled to northern Mozambique as part of Reach Beyond’s mission to partner with local churches and radio ministries, sharing the gospel not just in words, but through practical, life-changing action.

Pastor Carício, who leads both a church and a Christian radio station, invited them to train his team. He also asked a simple but urgent question: could they help bring clean water to nearby villages?

Twenty-five local leaders gathered for the training, people already serving their communities, now being equipped to go further. The goal wasn’t just to teach facts, but to empower them.

“We want to help participants discover things for themselves, rather than just sitting back and passively receiving information,” says Wim, who leads Reach Beyond’s community development efforts in Sub-Saharan Africa.

By asking questions and encouraging participation, the training becomes something they experience, not just something they hear.

LEARNING TO BUILD A TIPPY TAP

So how do you wash your hands properly with no running water?

The answer is simple. A “tippy tap” is a handwashing station made from sticks, rope, and a plastic container.

Rather than providing ready-made materials, Wim and the team showed participants how to create solutions using what they already had. Then, together, they went into a nearby village.

There, something powerful happened. Men, women, and elders all joined in. Hands got dirty as people worked together to build their own tippy taps. What emerged wasn’t just a tool - it was ownership, dignity, and pride.

As Wim shares, “Seeing local hands build something for their own community makes all the difference.”

THE GOSPEL IN ACTION

This is only the beginning. Pastor Carício is now preparing his team to go out, sharing the gospel through

word and action in the communities they serve. Reach Beyond will continue walking alongside them, offering support and guidance.

At the same time, conversations are underway about drilling a well, ensuring any future project is shaped and sustained by the community itself.

Because of your partnership, lives are being transformed physically and spiritually. And as these seeds are planted, we trust God to bring lasting fruit for generations to come.



PRAY FOR PASTOR CARÍCIO AND HIS TEAM

As local churches bring practical health education and the message of Jesus to their communities, please pray for:

- Open hearts to the gospel
- Safe access to clean water
- Wisdom for local leaders
- Lasting change in villages across Mozambique



A WAY BACK HOME

Thang* never imagined he would have to flee Myanmar. But as the political situation deteriorated, he left behind everything he knew and arrived in Malaysia clinging to hope. But it wasn't long before that hope began to slip away.

Each day he searched for work, only to face rejection after rejection. His small savings dwindled. The loneliness was crushing. Surrounded by unfamiliar voices, unable to fully express himself, Thang felt invisible, forgotten.

Fear and anxiety grew into something heavier: despair. Why am I here? How will I survive?

Looking for relief, he turned to alcohol. At first, it quietened the turmoil inside him. But soon it deepened the darkness. The shame, the confusion, the sense of being trapped - it all became overwhelming.

One evening, scrolling through the radio channels on his phone, Thang came across something unexpected: *Hingna Awl*, a Christian programme in his own Matu language. Drawn in by the familiarity, he listened.

That day, the message was based on Luke 15:11–32, the Parable of the Lost Son. As Thang listened, his heart stirred. This wasn't just a story; it was *his* story.

Broken and desperate, he turned back to God. And in that moment, the despair lifted. Peace - real, deep peace - filled his heart.

He contacted the programme team and shared his story, asking for prayer - that God would help him not fall back into sin.

Thang was home.

The programme that reached Thang is called *Hingna Awl*, meaning "Living Waters". It is a lifeline for the Matu people of Myanmar.

Produced by Pastor Win and his team, the programme broadcasts in the Matu language through shortwave radio and digital platforms such as Facebook and Messenger, reaching people wherever they are, even across borders and into isolated communities.

Today, the ministry is expanding beyond radio. Under Pastor Win's guidance, three new 'Heroes of History' comics have been produced in Matu, bringing the stories of Job, Noah and Creation to life for readers across Myanmar.

Just as God used a radio programme to reach Thang in his moment of deepest need, these new resources will help many more people encounter His truth in their own language.

Through simple but powerful media - radio programmes and story-based comics - lives are being touched, hearts are opening, and people like Thang are finding their way back to God. And it's happening because of your support.

*Names have been changed



SOMEONE IS SEARCHING FOR HOPE TODAY

Across Myanmar and beyond, people like Thang are encountering Christian content in their own language for the very first time. A gift of £25 could help place life-changing media into the hands of more people searching for truth.

Give today at
[reachbeyond.org.uk/
voice-response](https://reachbeyond.org.uk/voice-response)





MORE THAN A GREENHOUSE

In May, a small team of British volunteers travelled to Athens with a simple goal: to build a greenhouse for refugees. But what God built through them was far greater than wood and breeze blocks.

Partnering with One Heart, an organisation serving refugees through medical care and community, this team completed a project begun the year before. "It was an absolute joy," said team leader Alan. "We built the greenhouse together, but more than that, we helped build community."

For Karen, the trip was a deeply personal calling. "I'm all in," she said. "I love working with my hands, and to use that in a way that brings glory to God and helps others... there's nothing better."

Not everything looked promising at first. When Dave arrived, he struggled to see how the available materials could possibly work. "I didn't sleep the first night," he admitted. "I cried out to God because I just couldn't see how we were going to build it." But the next day changed everything. "We prayed, and the team just gelled. Everyone used their skills - we just got on with it. It blew me away!"

They also worshipped alongside refugees from many nations. Tony shared, "You hear the word 'refugee' so often, but meeting the people, hearing their stories, it was inspiring and humbling."

For Monika, it was the unity that stood out most. "It felt like we'd known each other for years! God helped us achieve so much in such a short time."

Because of your support, hope is taking root in Athens, both in the soil and in people's lives. And this is only the beginning.

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

Short-term mission teams are a powerful way to use your skills, grow in faith, and support ministries around the world.

Find out more at reachbeyond.org.uk/teams



CHANGED LIVES

Every day, people across the Middle East and North Africa connect with our online ministry teams, searching for answers about Jesus. Through conversations on social media and messaging platforms, lives are being transformed. Here are three recent testimonies.



"My name is Malik from Iraq. One day Christ appeared to me in a dream and said, 'Come to Me.' I decided to follow Him and I told someone about it, and he said to me, 'Go, since He called you.' I had spoken with one of your ministers for a month, and he prayed with me a prayer that I had never prayed before. I have begun studying the Bible with him."

"My name is Ali from Yemen; I am 31 years old. Throughout my life I had relationships with people of many religions, but I always felt peace with Christians. One day I heard about a church in Aden in southern Yemen, so I travelled there even though it was far, to learn more about Christ. But I found it destroyed. I visited your page, and there the minister explained to me who Christ is and why He was crucified. After learning, I decided to believe in Him and follow Him with all my heart."



"My name is Amal from Egypt; I am 32 years old. I visited your page to learn more about Christ and to know whether Christ is truly God, because I doubted this. The minister began to explain to me how Christ is God. Then she asked me if I believed this, and I said yes, I believe. I prayed with her, and afterwards I felt great peace and wanted to hug her. She told me that from now on I will be in the greatest embrace - the embrace of Christ."

THANK GOD FOR CHANGED LIVES

These conversations are happening every day across the Middle East and North Africa. Please pray for Malik, Ali, Amal, and many others taking their first steps of faith.

IS YOUR CHURCH 21ST CENTURY MISSION READY?

The Church has always been God's chosen way of reaching the world. No single organisation can carry that calling alone, it takes partnership, prayer, and shared vision. At Reach Beyond, we love walking alongside churches as they discover how God can use them locally and globally.

Here are five simple ways we can serve you:



1. SENDING PEOPLE WITH CONFIDENCE

When someone in your church feels called to go, we're here to help. From short-term teams to long-term mission, we equip, train, and support your people every step of the way, so they can serve effectively and thrive.



4. PRAYING BEYOND BORDERS

We provide resources to help your church pray with purpose for unreached people groups. Together, we can lift our eyes beyond our own communities and intercede for those who've never heard.



2. SHARING HOPE THROUGH ENGLISH

Our Share English Clubs give anyone in your church the chance to reach out locally or online. Through simple conversations, real relationships are formed and the gospel can be shared naturally.



5. BRINGING MISSION TO LIFE

There's nothing like hearing real stories from the mission field. Our speakers can visit your church to share their experiences and help your congregation see how God is working globally, and how they can be part of it.



3. TELLING YOUR STORY WELL

Every church has a story of what God is doing. We help you communicate it clearly and creatively using media, so more people can be inspired and engaged.

IMAGINE WHAT YOUR CHURCH COULD DO

Whether you're exploring global mission for the first time or looking to deepen existing engagement, we'd love to help. **Discover practical ways your church can pray, send, serve and share.**



Visit reachbeyond.org.uk/your-church to find out more.

JOURNEY WITH US THIS SUMMER

REFUEL FESTIVAL, AVIEMORE (SCOTLAND)

5-9 August
Highlands Adventure Awaits

Set in the stunning Scottish Highlands, Refuel is a vibrant, family-friendly festival filled with inspiring teaching and worship from around the world.

- Visit the Reach Beyond tent
- Meet our missionaries Gavin & Heather Falconer
- Hear stories of lives changed globally
- Don't miss the mechanical horse!

Come and be refreshed, body and soul, in a beautiful setting.

ABER CONFERENCE, ABERYSTWYTH (WALES)

8-15 August
Faith by the Sea

A much-loved summer gathering on the Welsh coast, Aber is a place to grow in faith, build friendships, and discover more of what God is doing around the world..

- Stop by our stand and say hello
- Connect with our team
- Discover the impact of your support
- Be inspired for your own journey

Whether you come for a day or the whole week, you'll find encouragement, inspiration, and a warm welcome.

Planning to attend? Come and find us. We'd love to hear your story and share what God is doing around the world.

WILL YOU LEAVE A LEGACY GIFT TO REACH BEYOND?

By including a gift in your Will for Reach Beyond, you will help many more unreached people hear the good news of Jesus and experience His love in practical ways.

Judy is a Reach Beyond supporter. She wrote:

"As a Christian, I believe that God controls every area of my life, including my finances. As Reach Beyond has been such a vital part of my walk with Him over many years, it is wonderful to know that when my time on earth is over, my legacy can be used to bless and help the Lord's ongoing work through the mission to share Jesus' love with those who do not know Him."

To find out more about including a gift to Reach Beyond in your Will visit:
reachbeyond.org.uk/mylegacy

WILL YOU HELP WRITE THE NEXT STORY?

Every story in this magazine began with someone saying "yes" - a listener tuning in, a church stepping out in faith, a missionary answering God's call, or a supporter choosing to stand alongside them.

Today, **you** can be part of the next story.

Your gift will help share the hope of Jesus through media, healthcare, and community development around the world.

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